(d) if so, whether these are to be accepted by Government also before their implementation; and

(e) if so, the reasons and justifications thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The main recommendation is that freezing of sections is not academically sound or administratively feasible. It has been recommended that the Commissioner should have full powers of opening new sections and sanctioning additional staff. The Board of Governors of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has agreed with the recommendations and has decided to recommend to the Government to keep the salary budget of KVS flexible so that the Commissioner may be in a position to sanction new posts whenever required.

(d) and (e) The recommendations of the Board of Governors of the Sangathan will also require approval of other Ministries. These recommendations have not yet been received.

Zero fail year

† 3510. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pass percentage of students of Kendriya Vidyalayas is gradually decreasing and the Ministry is concerned about it;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any efforts have been made to celebrate any year as Zero fail year;

(d) if so, the outcomes thereof; and

(e) which was the year?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The'pass percentage of class X and class XII of Kendriya Vidyalayas has been consistently higher than the average pass percentage of the Central Board of Secondary Education, details of which are given below.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

	Class X		Class XII	
Year	KVS	CBSE	KVS	CBSE
1998	76.8	63.2	79.9	72.6
1999	77.9	64.4	83.1	74.68
2000	77.8	65.4	83.1	76.35

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) KVS had set for itself a target of Zero Failure for 1996-97 and 97-98. The pass percentage of students of KVS for these two years is shown as under:

Class X

Year	KVS	CBSE
1996-97	79.11	68.30
1997-98	76.80	63.20

Class XII

Year	KVS	CBSE
1996-97	83.31	78.50
1997-98	79.90	72.60

Proposal to include Malayalam Language in the syllabus of Kendriya Vidyalaya

3511. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is pending before the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan to include Malayalam language in the syllabus of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Pattom, Trivandrum; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLIMANOHAR JOSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.